

**FIRST
PARISH
CHURCH OF
STOW &
ACTON**
*Unitarian
Universalist*

Sunday, April 18,
2021
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

J. Brahms

Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Karen Kinnear, Small Group Ministries

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #331

Life Is the Greatest Gift of All Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Life is the greatest gift of all the riches on this earth;
life and its creatures, great and small, of high and
lowly birth:

so treasure it and measure it with deeds of shining
worth.

2. Mind is the brightest gift of all, its thought no barrier
mars;

it seeks creation's hidden plan, its quest surmounts all
bars;

it reins the wind, it chains the storm, it weighs the
outmost stars.

3. We are of life, its shining gift, the measure of all
things;

up from the dust our temples lift, our vision soars on
wings;

for seed and root, for flower and fruit, our grateful
spirit sings.

Sharing

Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church,
and service its law.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

Affirmation Mike Pfitzer, Voice

From all that dwell below the skies
let words of love and peace arise.
Let joyful songs of praise be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.

Message for All Ages

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

Lean on Me

B. Withers

Sanghee Kim, piano

This month we share our weekly offering with Southeast India Project.

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Sermon

Becoming Myself

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #311

Let It Be a Dance

Chorus: Let it be a dance we do. May I have this dance with you?

Through the good times and the bad times, too, let it be a dance.

1. Let a dancing song be heard. Play the music, say the words,

and fill the sky with sailing birds. Let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Learn to follow, learn to lead, feel the rhythm, fill the need

to reap the harvest, plant the seed. Let it be a dance.

(Chorus)

2. Everybody turn and spin, let your body learn to bend, and, like a willow with the wind, let it be a dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

A child is born, the old must die; a time for joy, a time

to cry.

Take it as it passes by. Let it be a dance. (Chorus)

3. Morning star comes out at night, without the dark
there is no light.

If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right. Let it be a
dance.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Let the sun shine, let it rain; share the laughter, bear
the pain,

and round and round we go again. Let it be a dance.

Benediction

Sung Benediction

Peace be with you 'til we meet again!

As life lays its task before you,

keep love's banner floating o'er you.

Peace be with you 'till we meet again.

Postlude

Cuckoo Waltz J.E. Jonasson

Sanghee Kim, piano



Those who are on Zoom may remain
for a virtual “coffee hour” following the postlude.
If you’re in the “drive-in church”, honk and wave to each
other!

Thank you to our helpers today: Sheryl LaFayette & Kim
Kinnear
and all those who helped with this service,
and to our staff, board, and other leaders.



*First Parish is a Unitarian
Universalist Association
Welcoming Congregation.
We warmly welcome gay,
lesbian, bisexual, and
transgender people into
our community.*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum,
Minister

Michelle Cote, Director of Religious
Education

Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator

Dr. Mike Pfitzer, Director of Music

Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist

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